

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-2 (Canceled)

Claim 3 (Previously Presented) A method for varying the size of a plurality of icon images displayed in a display device based upon a user preference value, comprising:

storing icon data representative of a plurality of icon images;

selecting individual icons to perform variable icon sizing;

designating a user preference value for each of the selected icons;

generating icon images of different respective sizes, wherein the different sizes of the icon images are based upon said user preference values; and

displaying said different sized icon images;

wherein the generating step includes sorting icon images into an order based upon said designated preference values, and includes calculating a size gap between said ordered icon images using the following equation:

$$(\text{max-min}) / (N-1),$$

where N is the number of applications given a preference, min is a minimum icon size and max is a maximum icon size.

Claims 4-7 (Canceled)

Claim 8 (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium containing program instructions to:

store icon data representative of a plurality of icon images;

detect the selection of individual icons;

obtain user preference values for each of the selected icons;

calculate a size gap between adjacent icon image sizes using the following equation:

$$(\text{max}-\text{min}) / (N-1),$$

where N is the number of applications given a preference, min is the minimum icon size and max is the maximum icon size;

generate icon images of different respective sizes, wherein the different sizes of the icon images are based upon said user preference value;

sort icon images into an order based upon said designated preference values; and

display said different sized icon images.

Claims 9-12 (Canceled)

Claim 13 (Previously Presented) An apparatus for varying a size of a plurality of icons images displayed in a window of a display device based upon a user preference value, said apparatus comprising:

means for storing icon data representative of a plurality of icon images;

means for selecting individual icons for variable icon sizing;

means for designating user preference values for each of the selected icons;

means for generating icon images of different respective sizes, wherein the different sizes of the icon images are based upon said user preference value;

sorting means for sorting icon images into an order based upon said designated preference values; and

display means for displaying said different sized icon images;

wherein said generating means further comprises:

calculating means for calculating a size gap between adjacent icon image sizes using the following equation:

$$(max-min) / (N-1),$$

where N is the number of applications given a preference, min is the minimum icon size and max is the maximum icon size.

Claims 14-26 (Canceled)

Claim 27 (Previously Presented) A method for varying the size of a plurality of icons images displayed in a container of a display device based upon a user preference values designated for at least some of the plurality icon images, the method comprising:

generating different sized icon images, wherein the different sizes of the icon images are based upon said user preference value and

a size gap between said icon images is based on the following equation:

$(\text{max-min}) / (N-1),$

where N is the number of applications given a preference, min is the minimum icon size and max is the maximum icon size.

Claim 28 (Previously Presented) The method for varying the size of a plurality of icons of Claim 27, wherein said container is a window.

Claim 29 (Previously Presented) The method for varying the size of a plurality of icons of Claim 27, comprising the step of:

retrieving said icon image data from memory and scaling said icon image data in preparation for display on said display device.

Claims 30-55 (Canceled)

Claim 56 (Previously Presented) A method for varying the size of a plurality of icon images displayed in a display device based upon a user preference value, said method comprising:

generating icon images of different respective sizes, wherein the different sizes of the icon images are based upon user preference values and a size gap between adjacent ones of the icon images is $(\text{max-min}) / (N-1)$, where N is the number of icon images, min is a minimum icon size and max is a maximum icon size.

Claims 57-93. (Canceled)